

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. - 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) A method of reducing a flow-induced disturbance on an actuator arm of a disc drive, comprising redirecting a portion of a tangential gas flow generated by a rotation of ~~a first disc~~ two discs of the disc drive along a surface mechanically isolated from the actuator arm and into a space between the discs in a direction toward an inner diameter of the disc discs.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5 in which ~~the~~ each disc has a nominal radius R and in which the surface defines a channel comprising a radius of curvature greater than R/100.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A method of reducing a flow-induced disturbance on an actuator arm of a disc drive, comprising redirecting a portion of a ~~tangential~~ gas flow ~~generated by a rotation from beyond an outer diameter of a first rotating disc of the disc drive~~ along a surface mechanically isolated from the actuator arm and then impinging the redirected portion on an outer edge of the ~~first~~ disc in a direction toward an inner diameter of the disc.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 comprising a second redirecting of the combined flows with the leading edge of the actuator arm before the combined flows travel  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a revolution of the disc.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5 wherein the redirected portion of the gas flow comprises a velocity that is at least 50% of the tangential gas flow velocity.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 in which the each disc has a nominal radius R and in which the channel forms a lateral width that is greater than R/100.

12. - 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the ~~disc drive has a second disc configured for co-rotation with the first disc, and wherein the surface does not extend into a~~ the space between the ~~first and second~~ discs.

17. (Currently amended) A method of reducing a flow-induced disturbance on an actuator arm of a disc drive, comprising:

- a first redirecting of a portion of a tangential gas flow generated by a rotation of a ~~first~~ disc of the disc drive along a surface mechanically isolated from the actuator arm and toward an inner diameter of the disc; and
- a second redirecting of the portion of the gas flow with the leading edge of the actuator arm before the redirected portion of the gas flow travels  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a revolution of the disc.

18.-28. (Canceled)